

# Agricultural Report

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## CONNECTICUT FARM WINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: MOVING THE INDUSTRY FORWARD

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The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council, established in Connecticut General Statutes [Section 22-26c](#), is a volunteer council under administrative authority of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and chaired by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council meets quarterly to discuss pressing issues affecting the industry, inform the agency of activities and happenings within the industry, and identify industry-related marketing opportunities.

All licensed farm wineries are eligible to participate in the council's activities.

Since January 2013, the council has accomplished the following:

- Produced the 2013 Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries program.
- Exhibited at the Connecticut Conference on Tourism, interacting with and educating nearly 300 people about Connecticut's farm wine industry.
- Supported legislation passed by the Connecticut General Assembly that prevents the seven-year exemption on vineyard acreage requirements from starting anew with a change in the proprietor's name or a change in farm ownership.
- Produced the promotional brochure entitled Your Guide to Connecticut Farm Wineries.
- Supported Commissioner Reviczky's work to obtain the ability for wineries to sell bottles of Connecticut wine in the Connecticut Building at the 2013 Big E.
- Organized the Connecticut Farm Winery booth in the Big E's Connecticut Building for all 17 days of the fair.

The council's plans for the remainder of 2013 and for 2014 include drafting a memorandum of understanding between the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the Connecticut Department



of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division to help ensure the state's farm wineries are meeting the requirements for acreage and Connecticut Grown product percentages.

Vineyards and farm wineries are a rapidly growing sector of Connecticut agriculture. In 2006, 18 farm wineries were licensed in the state, compared to 34 today. Another two are expected in 2014, which will bring the number to double that of only eight years earlier and more than that in any other New England state.

The Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries is one of the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council's major programs, and features participation by 31 Connecticut farm wineries and the Connecticut Wine Festival, each of which has its own stamp.

People who visit at least 16 of the participating locations and have their passports stamped are eligible for a year-end drawing to win a variety of prizes.

The program begins May 1 and ends the first weekend in November. A passport can be picked up and stamped at any Connecticut farm winery or the Connecticut Wine Festival. Every farm winery and the Connecticut Wine Festival has a page in the passport with contact information, directions, and hours of operation.

There is no purchase required to obtain a stamp at a winery, but patrons must be 21 years of age or older to participate.

Once 16 stamps are obtained, a passport can be returned to any Connecticut farm winery to enter into a December prize drawing. Among the 65 prizes being offered in 2013 are bottles of Connecticut farm wines, tours of Connecticut wineries, and overnight vacation stays. Those who submit passports with all 32 stamps also will receive a free ticket to the 2014 Connecticut Wine Festival.

The council established a subcommittee this year to evaluate current prizes, make suggestions for new ones, and assess ways to increase the number of passports returned for the prize drawing.

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,lg	10.00	10.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,md	8.00	9.50
BELL,grn,1-1/9,xlg	11.00	14.00
BELL,suntn,1-1/9,lg	8.00	10.00
CHRRY,ht,1/2bu	16.00	16.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,lg	18.00	18.00
JALPNO,1/2bu	14.00	16.00
PBLANO,1 1/9 bu,lg	16.00	18.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	68.00-72.00
	300-400 lbs	74.00-76.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	63.00-66.00
	300-400 lbs	68.00-70.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	63.00-66.00
	500-700 lbs	67.00-71.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	20.00-23.00

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.  
August 21, 2013

Gr US 1-	wt 20-30	110.00	130.00
	wt 30-50	100.00	125.00
	wt 50-60	100.00	120.00
Gr US 2	wt 20-30	100.00	115.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, September 16, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	65.00	70.00
91-105 lbs.	72.50	77.50
106 lbs. & up	82.50	85.00
Farm Calves	95.00	110.00
Starter Calves	45.00	50.00
Veal Calves	94.00	118.00
Open Heifers	70.00	95.00
Beef Steers	76.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	89.00	91.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	107.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	87.00
Beef Bulls	93.00	104.50
Boars	one at	.02
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	48.00	195.00
Kid Goats	20.00	54.00
Canners	up to	86.50
Cutters	87.00	90.00
Utility Grade Cows	91.00	94.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	45.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	9.00	18.00
Feeder Pigs	38.00	46.00
Lambs	75.00	215.00
Sheep	70.00	160.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,crtand,12/3lb,fcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE,gala,8/5-lb,tote,	27.00	27.00
APPLE,mcntsh,xfcy,96ct	28.00	28.00
BEAN,grn,1-1/9bu	22.00	28.00
BEAN,shll,bu	35.00	45.00
BEAN,wx,1-1/9bu	25.00	26.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	14.00	15.00
BROCCOLI,crwn,20lb	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb	12.00	14.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
COLLARD,12s	12.00	14.00
CORN,5dz	8.00	12.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu,md	10.00	15.00
KALE,12s	12.00	13.00
NAPPA,1.6bu	18.00	22.00
ONION,grn,24s	16.00	16.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEACH,wht,25lb	18.00	20.00
PEACH,ylw,25lb	16.00	18.00
PEAR,brtltt,4/5bu	24.00	30.00
PLUM,prn,24lb	26.00	26.00
PLUM,rd,20lb	26.00	26.00
POTATO,chf,50lb	15.00	17.00
RADISH,24s,blck	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	8.00	10.00
SQUASH,grn,md,1/2bu	5.00	7.00
SQUASH,ylw,fcy,1/2bu	9.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	14.00	16.00
TOMATO,chrry,12/1pt	16.00	18.00
TOMATO,fld grwn,20lb	12.00	18.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	16.00	18.00
TOMATO,hrlm,gnhs,10lb	28.00	32.00
TOMATO,plm,25lb	16.00	20.00
TOMATO,plm,cn25lb	10.00	10.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb,ea	3.00	4.00

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

September 13, 2013

Average Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	77.50	82.00
boners 80-85% lean	74.25	78.75
lean 88-90% lean	69.50	74.50
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>		
No.1 95-120lbs	138.50	158.25
No 2 95-120lbs	115.50	138.00
No 3 80-120lbs	73.50	109.25
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr</b>		
High dressing	102.00	107.75
Avg.dressing	93.50	98.00
Low dressing	83.75	88.25
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm3-4	120.00	120.50
Ch2-3	117.25	121.00
Sel2-3	n/a	
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	125.00	127.00
Ch2-3	121.00	125.25
Sel2-3	116.50	120.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	105.00	110.00
Ch 2-3	103.50	106.25
Sel1-3	97.25	102.50
VEALER 60 120lbs	16.50	51.25
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>		
40-60lbs	n/a	
60-80lbs	152.00	176.00
90-110lbs	n/a	
100-130lb	147.00	154.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh</b>		
100-110lbs	n/a	
130-140lbs	62.00	68.00
Bucks	140-150lbs	56.00 60.00
	160-200lbs	72.00 110.00
	200-250lbs	48.00 90.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.</b>		
40-60lbs	128.00	157.00
60-80lbs	148.00	175.00
80-100lbs	124.00	128.00
Nannies/Does:80-130lbs	132.00	170.00
	130-150lbs	152.00 172.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-150lbs	200.00	227.00

**EASTERN PA GRAIN**

September 9, 2013

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	N/A
CORN	5.13
OATS	3.13
SOYBEANS	13.37
WHEAT	6.52

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.16	1.20
LARGE	1.14	1.18
MEDIUM	.94	.99

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

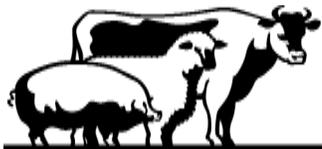
Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.70	1.80
LARGE	1.63	1.73
MEDIUM	1.17	1.27



**WHOLESALE SEASONAL ITEMS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
CORN,ornmntl,20/3s	28.00	28.00
PUMPKIN,cndrll,xl,bin	285.00	285.00
PUMPKIN,jbo,bin	225.00	225.00
PUMPKIN,mini,1/3bu	17.50	17.50
PUMPKIN,pie,40lb	18.00	18.00
PUMPKIN,pie,bin	175.00	200.00
PUMPKIN,xl,bin	185.00	185.00
SQUASH,acrn,1-1/9bu,md	15.00	18.00
SQUASH,btrnt,1-1/9 bu,lg	18.00	20.00
SQUASH,kbch,1-1/9,bu,md	18.00	22.00



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### UPCOMING CONFERENCES PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CONNECTICUT SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Three conferences will be held in October to provide businesses with information about state job programs, tax incentives and credits.

Topics to be covered include the state's Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up), the Small Business Express Program, how to find and recruit qualified employees, guidelines for becoming a State of Connecticut vendor, details about the new healthcare requirements, and more.

The Step Up program can pay a portion of a new employee's salary (up to \$12,500 during the first six months of employment) if an employer with 100 or fewer employees meets certain criteria and hires an unemployed jobseeker. Other programs to be discussed offer additional assistance to small businesses.

All sessions run from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Check-in, refreshments, and networking start at 7:00 a.m. Dates and locations are as follows:

- Thursday, October 3, 2013, at the Groton Municipal Building in Groton (register by October 1)
- Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at the Boys' and Girls' Village Auditorium in Milford (register by October 4)
- Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at the American Legion Post 80 in Enfield (register by October 21)

There is no charge to attend. Go to [www.stepct.com](http://www.stepct.com) for more information and/or to register.



*Governor Malloy recently toured Fort Hill Farms in Thompson to see its dairy herd, pick-your-own crops, display gardens, corn maze, and other agritourism features, as he visited popular tourism destinations in Connecticut.*

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While the number of passports returned increased from 1,428 in 2009 to 2,022 in 2012, the number returned has yet to exceed five percent of the number issued. Increasing visitor participation in the program would result in increased patronage at Connecticut's farm wineries, along with heightened awareness of the industry and its diversity as a multifaceted tourism destination.

Among the council's other recent efforts to increase revenue for Connecticut farm wineries is its support of Commissioner Reviczky's work to obtain the ability for Connecticut farm wineries to sell bottles of wine in the Connecticut building during the 2013 Big E in West Springfield.

In 2011, Massachusetts passed a law allowing Massachusetts wineries to sell wine by the bottle and offer tastings at Massachusetts agricultural events. The same law permits out-of-state farm wineries to sell at Massachusetts agricultural events as well, providing a new opportunity at the Big E, a long-standing agricultural event that previously did not allow wine sales of any kind in the Connecticut building.

After a challenging battle lasting more than a year and a half, on

August 6, 2013, the West Springfield License Commission unanimously voted to issue seven special-use permits to the Connecticut farm wineries attending the 2013 Big E.

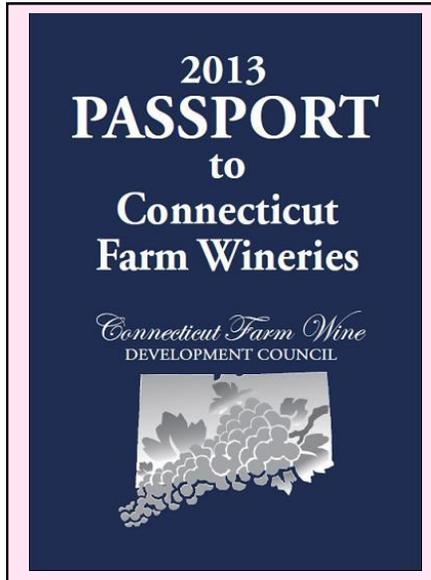
As a result of this work, Priam Vineyards, Jones Family Farms and Winery, Bishop's Orchards Winery, Arrigoni Winery, Dalice Elizabeth Winery, Sunset Meadow Vineyards, and Sharpe Hill Vineyards all have the opportunity to sell Connecticut wine by the bottle this year in the Big E's Connecticut building.

The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council works cooperatively with the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association, a trade membership association with an elected board of directors.

Together, the organizations cross promote the Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries and Wine Trail programs. They also work together to support various pieces of legislation and marketing efforts.

A complete list of Connecticut's farm wineries can be found at <http://www.ctgrown.gov/farmwinery>.

More information the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council, including meeting agendas and minutes, can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/DoAg/WineCouncil> or by contacting Jaime Smith at [jaime.smith@ct.gov](mailto:jaime.smith@ct.gov) or 860-713-2559.



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